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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

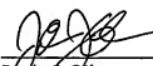
The attached document depicts a rod reducer device for use in orthopedic surgery to reduce a rod with respect to a fastening device and to hold the rod in place while it is being secured to the fastening device. Applicants submit that the rod reducer depicted in the

listed document was shipped to a doctor in New York in June of 1994.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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